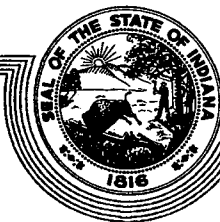


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PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A)
STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT)
ESTABLISHING A NATURAL GAS ALTERNATIVE)
REGULATORY PLAN PURSUANT TO)
I.C. § 8-1-2.5-1, *ET SEQ.*)

CAUSE NO. 42884

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PETITION OF NORTHERN INDIANA PUBLIC)
SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE COMMISSION)
TO CONTINUE TO DECLINE TO EXERCISE,)
IN PART, ITS JURISDICTION OVER, AND FOR)
APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE REGULATORY)
PROCEDURES RELATING TO, A FIXED GAS)
BILL RIDER FOR GAS SALES CUSTOMERS)

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You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On December 15, 2005, Northern Indiana Public Service Company ("NIPSCO") filed an unopposed *Motion to Extend the Fixed Gas Bill Program* ("Motion") in the above captioned Cause. The Motion requests the Commission extend for a period of thirty-one days, the effectiveness of NIPSCO's Fixed Gas Bill ("Dependabill") Program.

The Presiding Officers having reviewed the information contained in the Motion now find that the Motion should be granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David W. Hadley
David W. Hadley, Commissioner

Abby R. Gray
Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 22, 2005